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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. In this paper, claims 4, 5, 9, 11-14, 16-20, 242, 25, and 27 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) for being anticipated by the Jang patent publication. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

The Jang publication may be disqualified as prior art under 35 USC § 102(a) based on the filing date of the priority documents filed under 35 USC § 119. The Jang publication qualifies as a printed publication as of the date it was published, namely February 5, 2004. The present application claimed priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2003/0015526, which was filed on March 12, 2003. In order to antedate the effective date of the Jang patent publication as a reference under § 102(a), Applicants have filed with this paper (1) an English translation of the aforementioned priority document and (2) a statement from the translator indicating that the translation is accurate. With the filing of these papers, it is submitted that the Jang publication has been removed as § 102(a)-type prior art.

The Jang publication may also be disqualified as prior art under 35 USC § 102(e). The earliest effective filing date to which the Jang publication is entitled is its U.S. filing date, namely July 29, 2003. Korean Patent Application No. 2003/0015526, to which the present application claims benefit under 35 USC § 119, has an earlier filing date of March 12, 2003. The filing of the English translation and statement corresponding to this priority document is also effective in

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removing the Jang publication as § 102(e) prior art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Jang publication does not qualify as prior art against the claims of the present application. Withdrawal of the § 102 rejection and furtherance of the application to allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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